

Claim 17 line 1 delete "one of claims 9-16", substitute with "claim 9".

Claim 18 line 1 delete "one of claims 16 or 17", substitute with "claim 16".

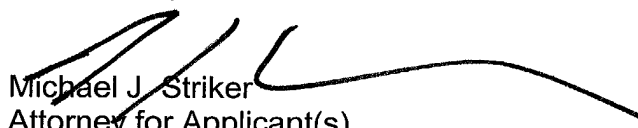
REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate their multiple dependency.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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